

K-love and Christian Radio in general is an important part of my family's daily activities. Time in the car or at home can also be an uplifting spiritual time due to their encouraging message.

From my understanding of the proposed changes, I would ask the FCC not to enact these changes.

Requiring community advisory boards for every radio station may seem like a good idea to help mitigate offensive material over the airwaves from "shock-jocks" and other sources, but these means would also infringe on the freedom of speech of almost any station that broadcast a message that not every one in the community embraced. There will be people in almost every community that disagree with the Christian message and requiring radio stations to answer to community advisory boards will provide an outlet for these people to infringe upon the religious rights of those who choose to listen to Christian radio.

I would also caution the FCC against putting the power of license renewal review in the hands of politically appointed FCC commissioners. This would unnecessarily extend the process required for renewal even if a station had avoided sanctions and would increase the cost burden to the station as it would have to hire additional counsel etc. to escort the renewal through the more arduous process. Maintaining a low cost of operating is important to many Christian radio stations (K-love affiliates especially) because they are entirely commercial free and listener funded in the interests of maintaining the purity of their message. To this end, many stations currently have difficulty financially supporting their broadcasts and further operating cost increases may put smaller market stations off the air.

On a similar note, I fail to see the need to mandate that there be live personnel on the station premises during all broadcast hours. It is common knowledge that many radio stations (not just Christian ones) operate from a national play-list coordinated by satellite feed which requires no personnel on premises and have done so for a number of years now. The mandating of live personnel on site would increase the operating cost and drive many stations off the air as mentioned above without providing any evident tangible benefit.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

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